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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Testimony of Secretary of Defense
before Senate Committees

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1. In our review of the exchanges between the Secretary of Defense and the various Senatorial questioners, it has become apparent that there is a lack of understanding concerning various weapon systems--US as well as Soviet--and the strategic offensive and defensive capabilities of both countries.

2. This list identifies some of the more significant areas of misunderstanding and confusion:

a. Difference between the multiple warhead system (MRV) the Soviets are now testing and the US MIRV.

b. The threat presented by the SS-9 (with MRV) to the Minuteman force.

c. The potential of the SS-9/MRV for penetrating a US ABM defense.

d. Number of warheads the SS-9 can carry and their yield.

e. Capability of SS-9 with 25 megaton warhead to attack Minuteman silos.

f. Soviet recent effort on developing and testing FOBS, FOBS deployment.

g. FOBS (MOBS) now in orbit possibly with nuclear warhead.

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h. Recent evidence of continuing SS-9 deployment.

i. Estimates of eventual SS-9 force.

j. Production rate of Soviet Polaris type (Y-class) submarine.

3. I attach a list of the kinds of questions that might be asked of the Director. We could, in concert with ONE and DDS&T, prepare brief suggested replies to each of these questions.

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